

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
U.S. Application No. 10/585,863 (Q95957)

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-16 are in the application. Claim 13 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants herewith amend, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-15. Claim 16 is added. Support for claim 16 is found, *inter alia*, at pages 2 and 3 of Applicants' specification.

Support for the amendments to the specification can be found, *inter alia*, at pages 3 to 7 and the Sequence Listing (i.e., the specification teaches SEQ ID NO:2 (MLV-RT-Q84A-D524N), a variant of the wild type MLV-RT thus, wild type MLV-RT (SEQ ID NQ:9) is the same as SEQ ID NO:2, but for Q at position 84 and D at position 524).

Applicants herewith amend claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-15 without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in original claim 1; page 1, lines 23-29; page 2, paragraphs 1 and 2; page 3, paragraph 2; in the Examples; and in page 7, final paragraph of the specification. The amendments to claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 14-15 are to better illustrate the commercial embodiments of Applicants invention and/or for grammar.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-4 and 14-15). This election is made with traverse. The claims recite a variant of MLV-RT of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein the amino acid at position 84 is replaced with an amino acid with a side chain shorter than that of glutamine. This feature links Groups I and II and is not disclosed by Jin (i.e., Jin fails to disclose a MLV-RT with a substitution at position 84). New claim 16 shares the special technical feature.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is kindly requested.

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Applicants explicitly reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 5-13.

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